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NEWS AND VIEWS . . .

And What Have You

By BOB CRAIG

We believe that Hamlin citizens will have the opportunity today to determine, to a great extent, the future of this city when they go to the polls and vote on the proposed city sales tax. For we feel that the city must have the money that this type of tax can provide if it is to continue to furnish the needs of its people.

Cities, along with all other forms of governments, are faced with two problems today. It takes more money today to provide the same services that were rendered 10 years ago and at the same time the public is demanding more and more. This additional money must come from somewhere.

With the state, the county, the schools and the cities all trying to operate on ad valorem taxes, it is becoming essential that some other means of revenue be found for some of this. The sales tax, in our opinion, is the best tax to supplement the city's income because of its broad base.

More people help share the load with a sales tax without anyone segment being over burdened.

One of the points brought out in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce's Small Town Task Force, that looked into the future of the small towns of West Texas, was the need for many services by local government.

It was ironical that when surveyed, the cities listed low taxes as one of their major assets and at the same time listed more and better services as their greatest need.

Taxes can get out of line but very few cities have ever grown just because they had low taxes. Facilities and services have done more for the growth of communities than have low taxes.

We hope that the voters of Hamlin will turn out today and approve the sales tax measure, but more important, we urge everyone to go to the polls and express their belief on this issue. As with every election, the results should be the expression of a majority of the people and not just a few.

Please vote today.

Last Friday and Saturday was one of those times that we were happy that we lived close to town. With all of the ice on the streets it was nice being able to walk wherever we needed to go.

This was just about as bad an ice storm as we have ever seen. And an unusual one in that it did not really get very cold but just seemed to hover below the freezing mark.

We have heard a number of people comment on what a fine Christmas Festival that the bands presented Monday night, and we agree. This program, and the one in the spring, presented by the bands, serves a two-fold purpose — it gives the students an opportunity to perform before the public and it also brings to Hamlin a type of entertainment that we are very short on.

It would be nice if we could have more concert type programs here but this is something that is hard to successfully promote in a city our size.

In this edition of the Herald is a special section of the annual Christmas greetings from the business people of Hamlin to all of their customers. This is their attempt to convey to each of their customers a sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to express appreciation for your support during the year.

Over in this corner, we too, would like to express our best wishes to all of you. May your Christmas be bright with good cheer, warm with the affection of those you love, and merry with the sound of laughter.



FROM THE STAFF OF THE HAMLIN HERALD

BOB CRAIG
BARBARA CRAIG
ANNETTA REUSCH
CEL JOHNSON
RICKEY ACKLIN

PIPER PATTER—
JANET CARSON
TOMMY OLIVER
BETH CRAIG

CORRESPONDENTS—
JUDY WHITE
Old Glory
MRS. R. M. BABB
Sylvester

Radium Wreck Monday Evening Fatal to Two

Two men were killed and traffic was rerouted for several hours Monday evening after an accident that involved an oil tank truck and two automobiles. Scene of the accident was midway between Hamlin and Anson on Highway 83, near the Radium Gin.

Killed were L. C. (Boots) Thomas, 44, of Timpson, who had been working in Hamlin since October, and Avery D. (Unk) Rogers, 53, of Amarillo, who was preparing to move to Rotan at the time of his death.

The Department of Public Safety reported that the

initial collision at 6:40 p.m. was between the oil tank truck, driven by Washington Monty Akins, 59, of Corpus Christi, and the car driven by Thomas. Some three to five minutes later, Rogers' car collided with the rear of the truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clifton arrived at the scene just after the first collision and he tried to flag down Rogers east of the crash but to no avail. He continued to stop traffic and Mrs. Clifton helped to get Johnny Bradley, 74, a passenger in the Rogers' car from the wreckage.

Both Rogers and Thomas were dead on arrival at Anson General Hospital.

Bradley was listed in fair condition at the Anson hospital late Tuesday night.

Patrolman Oscar Armstrong of Anson said the truck was eastbound and the first car, driven by Thomas, was going west. The second car was also westbound.

Thomas' car, demolished by the impact, careened into the ditch on the north side of the highway.

The truck owned by the Groendyke Transport Inc. overturned diagonally blocking the west lane.

Traffic was routed on a country road to the north until the wreckage was cleared off the highway and the danger of fire from the highly-inflammable liquid was eliminated. The road was back in use about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Services for Thomas were set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Akins Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Timpson Cemetery.

Funeral for Mr. Rogers was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan. Burial was in Rotan Cemetery.

Several selections by the Stage Band concluded the program.

Capacity Audience Hears Local Bands In Christmas Concert

All Hamlin bands were presented in concert Monday evening in the high school auditorium under the direction of Tim Jones. The ninth annual Christmas Festival was given to a capacity audience.

The selections played by the Sixth grade band were "Harmony March," "Skaters Waltz," and "Jingle Bells."

The Junior High band played "Gallant Marines March," "Johnny Learns to Play," featuring Bryce Fowler, cornet solo, and Charles Shira as narrator, "Jingle Bells Rhapsody," Caribeguine" and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

The High School band pro-

gram included "El Capitan," "A Christmas Festival," "Overture Internationale," "Amparito Roca," "Christmas Music for Winds," and "Christmas Party," which featured vocalists Janet Carson, Joey Duncan, Donnelle Hill, Reba Jackson and James Knobel.

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Basketball Tournaments Cancelled By Storm, Not Re-Scheduled

The bad weather in the area this past weekend knocked the Pipers and the Piperettes out of their basketball tournaments after first round action Thursday night. The Piperettes were hosting a tourney here and the Pipers were playing in the Aspermont tourney.

The tournaments have not been rescheduled because of the holidays. Both teams won on Thursday night and were scheduled to play in the championship bracket the next night.

The Pipers downed Cooper Junior Varsity 83-71 with Milton Davis scoring 15 points. The Piperettes defeated Weinert 57-42. In other action Jayton won over Aspermont 49-33, Anson over Rochester 55-50, and Haskell over Roby 52-37.

Monday night the local boys B Team downed the Anson B Team 82-36 with Dwayne Miller scoring 20 points to lead the scoring.

Tuesday the two A teams traveled to Spur with the

Piperettes winning 54-42 with Linda Bailey hitting 28 points and the Pipers won 57-45. Davis scored 15, Terry Holt 14 and Van Covington 13.

The next games scheduled are with Aspermont here Dec. 30.

Johnie Agnew Announces for Commissioner

Johnie Agnew announced this week that he plans to seek re-election as Commissioner of Precinct No. 1. He is the first announced candidate for this post and the second candidate to announce in Jones County.

Mr. Agnew, in making his announcement, said that he will make a formal statement at a later date.

In his statement he added, "Thanking you for everything and look forward to seeing everyone in 1968. Merry Christmas."

City Sales Tax To Vote Today

Hamlin voters will go to the polls today (Thursday) to decide the fate of a proposed 1% City Sales Tax. The election will be held in the City Hall with the polls opening at 8 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m.

The sales tax, if approved, would cover the same items now being taxed 2% by the state and would not include

groceries, drugs, real estate, services, etc. Over 100 cities have voted in favor of a sales tax since the Texas Legislature adopted the local option measure.

Numerous local organizations have voted in favor of the tax, including the Board of Community Development, the Hamlin Jaycees, and the Rotary Club.

All qualified voters living within the City limits of Hamlin are eligible to vote. The 1967 registration certificate is valid and the ones now being issued cannot be used for this election.

Mayor Hollis Madden issued a statement this past week urging the adoption of the

sales tax as an opportunity to broaden the tax base of the city. He has said that the city must have more money to operate on with a need for salary increases for its employees, water and sewer improvements and many other needed services.

The tax would be collected by city merchants and would be sent into the Comptroller's office in Austin along with the two percent now being collected.

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If passed, the first collections would start April 1.

Several Hospitalized From Falls During Weekend Bad Weather

17, 18. The only other readings during the month of December were .01 on Dec. 4 and .01 on Dec. 10.

Stamford Wreck Monday Fatal to Frazier E. Kemp

Frazier E. Kemp, 61, of McCaulley died at 12:05 a.m. Thursday at Stamford Hospital from injuries received in a two-car wreck Monday night. The accident happened about 7:15 p.m. about 240 feet north of the Haskell-Jones County line on Highway 277.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. at McCaulley Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Buddy Sipe, officiating.

Burial was in McCaulley Cemetery.

Born May 1, 1906, in McCaulley, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kemp. He attended McCaulley High School and Texas Tech in Lubbock.

He was married to Wiltha Hanton at Lawton, Okla., May 7, 1938.

He was with the department of the interior, bureau of Indian affairs for 32 years and lived in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado before moving to McCaulley three years ago. He was a member of McCaulley Baptist Church. His wife died in January 1961.

Survivors include seven brothers, Ralph of Portales, N. Mex., Guy, R. A. and Rex, all of Roby, W. J. of Hamlin, Frank and Fred of McCaulley; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Crane of Lubbock and Mrs. Scott (Nita) Lee of Ponder.

Pallbearers were James Harvey, T. L. Carter, Ray Maberry, Willard Maberry, Laymond Hicks and Buddy Gibson.

Driver's License Officer to Be Here On Wednesdays

Beginning Jan. 1, 1968, the driver's license officer of the Texas Department of Public Safety will be in Hamlin every Wednesday from 8:30 to 5 p.m. at the Fire Department Building.

Police Chief Byran Wasson said that Patrolman James Cagle would be taking pictures, and other information needed for licenses to comply with the new law.

Christmas Decoration Winners Told

WINDOW: 1. E. A. Hewitt, 315 NW Ave. I, electric heater, West Texas Utilities Co.; 2. Delton Jackson, 241 NW Ave. B, electric percolator, Joe Hudspeth's; 3. John Kent Jones, 46 NW Ave. I, \$5 gift certificate, Frank's Store.

RELIGIOUS THEME: 1. L. O. Hughes, 44 NW Ave. I, \$25 savings bond, F & M Bank; 2. E. E. Lewis, 708 NW Ave. H, plate glass mirror, White's; Earmie Reusch, 619 NW Ave. H, smoking stand, Harbert Furniture.

DOORWAY: 1. Clyde Flenniken, 711 SW 2nd, transistor radio, Mac's Food Store; 2. Charles Reed, 610 NW Ave. H, steam iron, Piggly Wiggly; 3. David Moore, 43 NW Ave. A, ham, Simpson's Grocery.

OUTSIDE TREE: 1. Sue Sellers, Golf Course Road, 2 gal. Kem-Tone, 2 qt. Kem-Glo, Rockwell Brothers.

Prizes designated for some of the categories were not used because of too few entries. These were presented to the following entries in the yard division, Guy Weaver, 612 NW Ave. A, 30 cup

Places in the business division were Hamlin Herald, first; McDonald's, second; West Texas Utilities Co., third and Hamlin Flower Shop, fourth. The traveling plaque will go to the Hamlin Herald for one year. Winner of the plaque three consecutive years gets to keep it.

Mrs. Moore said that she received three entries in the mail Tuesday morning but they were too late to be included in the judging held Monday night.

Emphasis was placed on lighting, originality, uniqueness and ingenuity in the judging.

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Once again, it is that time of the year when family and friends exchange the good wishes that fill their hearts. As we join in the rejoicing of the season, may we take this opportunity to thank you and yours for your patronage . . . and may we extend our wish for a very Merry Christmas.

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HOLIDAY HAMS

WRIGHT'S — CURED
HAMS
HALF OR WHOLE **59c** LB.

NORBEST — GRADE A — FANCY HEN

Turkeys **39c** POUND

HORMEL RED LABEL
Bacon **49c** POUND

SEMI BONELESS
Pork Roast **49c**

HORMEL SAUSAGE
SIZZLERS **49c**

KIMBELL'S
Cranberry Sauce **19c**

FANCY GOLDEN
Bananas **10c**
FANCY — LARGE
VINE RIPE
CELERY
10c lb.

CREAMY	3 LB. CAN	KIMBELL'S	CAN
Crisco	69c	Biscuits.	5c
GLADIOLA	5 LB. BAG	THOMPSON'S — GRADE A LARGE DOZEN	
FLOUR	49c	EGGS	39c
DEL MONTE — CRUSHED OR SLICED	NO. 1 FLAT CAN	KRAFT	QUART
Pineapple	15c	Miracle Whlp	49c
DEL MONTE — SLICED OR HALVES	NO. 2 1/2	GLADIOLA — WHITE OR YELLOW	5 LB. BAG
Peaches	3 FOR 89c	MEAL	39c
DEL MONTE — FRUIT	303 CAN	ALL SWEET	POUND
Cocktail	4 FOR 99c	Oleo	4 FOR 99c 15c
DEL MONTE — GOLDEN	303 CAN	FOLGER'S	POUND
CORN	4 FOR 89c	COFFEE	69c
DEL MONTE — EARLY GARDEN	303 CANS	DEL MONTE — CUT - WHOLE - FRENCH - ITALIAN	303 CAN
PEAS	4 FOR 89c	Green Beans	4 FOR 99c

Merry Christmas
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

REYNOLD'S	REG. 25 FT. ROLL	OLD SOUTH	PACKAGE OF 2
FOIL	29c	PIE SHELLS	19c
KING SIZE	6 BOTTLE CTN.	JOHNSTON'S — MINCE — APPLE — PUMPKIN	EACH
1 Ctn.	FRESCA	PIES	59c
1 Ctn.	Coca Cola	BAKER'S — ANGLE FLAKE	14 OZ.
MAGIC CIRCLE — SWEET	BOTH FOR 69c	Coconut	49c
QUART	PLUS DEPOSIT	HERSHEY'S	12 OZ.
PICKLES	49c	Dainties	39c
DUNCAN HINES — LAYER	BOX	ZEE — 80 COUNT	PKG.
Cake Mix	29c	Napkins	10c
KLEENEX DECORATED	BIG ROLL		
TOWELS	29c		

FANCY GOLDEN	POUND	US — NO. 1 — GOLDEN	POUND	Double Frontier Stamps on Wednesday with \$2.50 Purchase
Bananas	10c	YAMS	9c	MAC'S
FANCY — LARGE		POUND		SUPER MARKET
VINE RIPE				
TOMATOES	19c	10 LB. BAG		
Russet Potatoes	49c			

Mrs. Johnson Hosts Service Class Christmas Dinner

Mrs. Robert Johnson was hostess for the annual Christmas dinner and program of the Service Class of First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Tom Routh brought the devotional on the Legend of the Christmas Tree. A money tree was also provided for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Others attending were:

Mmes. M. F. Holmes, teacher; J. P. Cornelius, S. E. Jones, J. W. Hines, Fred Allen, Dave Herbst, S. C. Ballew, Kenneth Scott, Tom Marshall and Miss Alice Wills.

Visitors were Mmes. E. C. Davis, Sigmon Stovall, W. C. Russell and Routh.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gene Weaver are parents of a girl, Kimberly Jean, born Dec. 15 at 12:45 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Last Minute Gift Buys

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Merry Christmas Happy New Year

From All of Us At

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MR. AND MRS. A. T. CARSON
... to be honored Sunday

McCauley Couple to Be Honored Sunday On 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Carson, Rt. 1, McCauley, will be honored Sunday, Dec. 24, with an open house in the home of their daughter and son-in-law in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mahaffey Jr. in hosting the celebration will be the couple's other children, Fred E. Carson of Big Spring, Hubert G. Carson of Laurence, Kansas, and Archie Carson of Hamlin.

The Mahaffey home is six miles east of Roby on the Anson highway.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Carson was born Vena V. Brown, Sept. 15, 1900, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brown, in Comanche County near Beatty.

Mr. Carson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Carson, was born Oct. 22, 1897, at Wills County near Golds-

water.

The couple married Dec. 23, 1917, at Nineve Church in Comanche County and moved to Fisher County in 1921. They lived in Water Valley, Texas, from 1937 to 1942 when they returned to Fisher County.

The couple is semi-retired with Mr. Carson still doing some farming. Mrs. Carson enjoys crossword puzzles as a hobby and he likes to fish. They have nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Gifts were exchanged by Mmes. Rowland, Roy Embrey, Calvin Embrey, Melvin Scott, Joe Dawkins, Vernon Johnson, Henry Downey, Archie Carson, Acklin, and Charles Ferguson. Melinda Johnson was a visitor. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held Thursday Jan. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. The group will not meet next week because of the holidays.

TOPS Club Names Mrs. Acklin Queen Exchange Gifts

Mrs. I. D. Acklin was named Queen for the week at the Tuesday evening meeting of the Determined Pipers TOPS Club in Harden Memorial Library. Mrs. E. J. Rowland, co-leader, presided.

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OLD GLORY NEWS...

By Judy White

About 2 inches of ice blanketed this area last weekend. This brought traffic and most work to a standstill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gerloff of Bellaire, Texas, have announced the birth of a son, Mark Douglas, born Dec. 10. Mrs. Katie Gerloff is the paternal great-grandmother.

Mrs. Katie Gerloff has also received word that her son, Eugene Gerloff of Lubbock, received leg injuries while refereeing a ball game and has been hospitalized in Highland Hospital in Lubbock.

Ben Klump who has been hospitalized in the Stamford Hospital with a broken hip was able to return home last week.

Mrs. Hertha Mischler of Abilene, formerly of this community, has moved to the Stamford Inn Rest Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wayne Parker of Aspermont are parents of a son, Stephen Wayne, born Dec. 17. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz.

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KNABEL'S

Sylvester News...

By Mrs. R. M. Babb

My goodness when the weather does something here it does it up right. We had snow, sleet, and rain, then it froze hard and was very slick. Several can tell you about this as they fell and some didn't come out as well as others. Mrs. Dan Kidd fell and broke her hip so is in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. She is doing fine after surgery. Mrs. Cliff Early fell Saturday afternoon and broke her wrist and was in Hamlin Hospital the last report I had.

Mrs. Charles Scott came home on Friday from the hospital and was feeling fine but has to still be careful.

Mrs. Kay Dobbs of Abilene spent most of last week in Hamlin Hospital. She is doing better.

Mrs. A. J. Griffin left on Monday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her children in Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Griffin are leaving this week to spend Christmas in California with her parents. The youngsters are quite excited about the trip.

In the Kenneth Leverett home one night this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Moore, Karen and Karla of Abilene.

Our sympathy to the Reed family in the death of Robert Reed on Friday a.m. due to a heart attack.

We also wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Frazier Kemp who lost his

life due to a car accident last week.

Capt. and Mrs. Jimmy Lanigan are back after spending several days in College Station visiting with his brother, Cadet Lee Lanigan. Jimmy will soon report to Ft. Bliss in El Paso.

Have you talked to either Ross or Lenora Douglas the past few days? There is only one young lady in this world at this time and that is Vicki and Don Wright's young daughter born last Tuesday night (Dec. 12) in Sweetwater Hospital. All are doing fine now!

In the Babb home on Sunday at noon were Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Pursley of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown of Sylvester. Later in the afternoon the Jerry Prather family of Sweetwater visited in the W. B. Brown home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chunky Brown

are very excited over their new great grandson, Master Shipp of Hamlin.

There wasn't any school at any of the schools close around here Thursday or Friday and no services at either church on Sunday due to the very bad weather. The weather men have promised more of the same for this week.

I want to wish everyone a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Fred B. Moore Hosts Beta Theta

Mrs. Fred B. Moore Jr. was the hostess for the Beta Theta Christmas party Saturday night in her home. Sandwiches, dips and chips, and homemade candies were served. Games of bridge and 42

were played. The party was attended by members and their husbands. Twenty-nine were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Benito Alaniz of Sweetwater are parents of a girl, Elisabeth, born Dec. 17 at 12:47 p.m. She weighed 5 lbs. 3 oz.

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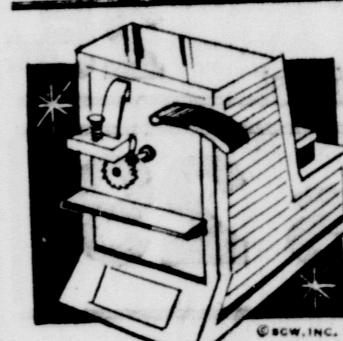
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Announcements A

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Card of Thanks A-1

CARD OF THANKS
To all of the very good and neighborly citizens of Hamlin and other neighbor communities, I would like to express my very personal thank you for the kindness, thoughtfulness and love. All of which was shown to my mother, brothers and sister. And most of all to my beloved Father, Mr. W. G. "Bill" Deel, during his prolonged illness and with his passing. For my not being able to thank you each and everyone personally, I am using this card of thanks. But I would like it known, I am proud to have known each and every one even if it was for only a moment. And it is an honor to be a boy in the Armed Forces from Hamlin, Texas.

Automobiles B

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our deep appreciation to Rev. Buddy Sipe and all of our wonderful friends for their prayers, many kind deeds, flowers and words of comfort during the illness and at the death of our beloved husband and father, Frank Houghton. We also want to thank the doctors and nurses of Hamlin Hospital for their kind attention and care.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Frank Houghton
Mrs. Jeannine Houghton
Robertson

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Merchandise for Sale

FOR SALE: 16 ft. wood cattle feeder. Rex A. Smith, Anson, Texas phone VA 4-2995.

FOR SALE: Have a few more dolls in old fashioned reproductions. Mrs. Fred Carpenter, 545 N. Central.

LOFTY pile, free from soil is the carpet cleaned with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampoos \$1. Harbert Furniture. Vacuum bags for all cleaners.

GARAGE SALE: Bunk beds, dining set, sofa bed, T. V. T. antenna and pole, book cases, portable ironer, boys and girls bikes, toys, clothes for boys 6, 8, 10, and 12; girls, 6, 8, 10; women, 10, 12 and 14. 152 North Central.

GARAGE SALE: 134 N. W. Ave. E. Ladies' clothing and some children's clothing.

YOU saved and slaved for wall to wall carpet. Keep it new with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampoos \$1. Harbert Furniture. Vacuum Bags for all Type Cleaners.

FOR SALE: NAPKINS, Christmas, All occasion, scriptural, humorous. Get Well and Birthday Cards. Can be picked up at the Knit Shop or from any member of the B & PW Club.

Our Girl's Tournament didn't get started well when it was called off because of the ice-covered roads. The girls rolled to an easy victory over Weinert Thursday night at the tournament here. At the Aspermont Boy's Tournament our boys beat the Cooper High School Junior Varsity during the first night of the tournament. That tournament was also called off. Last Tuesday night our boys played one of the season's most exciting but sad, games when they were downed by the Aspermont A team 61-60.

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Ice Storm Cancels Tournaments; School Out for Holidays Today

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Giving the devotional this

past Wednesday was Debra

Blanton. Singing a quartet

number were Janet Carson,

Donelle Hill, Joey Duncan,

and James Knabel. They sang

an excerpt from "Love Trans-

cending."

"Yeah!" School's out." The

whole student body will be in

general accord today when

school is let out for the Christ-

mas Holidays. Classes resume

Jan. 2.

The F. H. A. planned a very

good devotional for Wednes-

day, it really puts us all in a

Christmas feeling.

Sister of Hamlin Residents Dies In Anson Wednesday

Services for Mrs. H. M.

Phillips of Stamford, sister

of Ray and Van Huling of

Hamlin, were held in Stam-

ford in the First Baptist

Church Friday at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Phillips, 73, died at

Anson General Hospital at

9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13,

after being hospitalized one

month. She had lived in Stam-

ford on Route 2 for 36 years.

Burial was in Fairview

Cemetery.

Born Lenye Huling, Feb.

25, 1894, in Hopkins County,

she was the daughter of the

late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hu-

ling. She was married to H.

M. Phillips in Hamlin Feb. 15,

1920. He died Aug. 15, 1962.

She was a member of First

Baptist Church in Stamford.

Services were conducted by

Rev. Jack Southerland, pastor.

Survivors include one son,

H. M. Jr. of Stamford; one

daughter, Onita Vasek of

Stamford; two brothers, Ray

and Van Huling of Hamlin;

one sister, Mrs. Pernia Bishop

of Stamford; four grandchildren

and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Craig Ste-

phens, Don Walker, Don Price,

Woody Wilson, Frank Vasek

and Doc Lindsey.

Indiana Prince, 81, died at

Pittsburg, Calif., Monday, Dec.

11, at 4 p.m. Services were

held at 2 p.m. Tuesday Dec.

19, in Oak Grove Baptist

Church by the pastor, Rev.

B. C. Freeman.

A resident of California

since 1944, Mrs. Prince has

been ill for 14 months and

hospitalized six months.

She was the daughter of the

late Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lyles

and was born April 2, 1886,

in Alabama.

She married Alexander

Prince in East Texas in 1916.

He died in 1958.

She was a housewife, a

member of Eastern Star and a

member of Oak Grove Baptist

Church.

Burial was in Hamlin East

Cemetery.

Survivors include one son

Alexander Ray of Hamlin;

one daughter, Mrs. Jesse Mae

Hill of Pittsburg, Calif.; three

brothers, Fred and Jimmy

Lyles of Hamlin, Henry Lyles

of Loving, N. Mex.; one sister,

Bessie Shefield of Hamlin;

five grandchildren and several

great-grandchildren.

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Modern two bedroom home.

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two full baths, paneled den,

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Neinda Philosopher Claims That Under the Frenzied Buying Christmas Spirit Still Infact

Editor's note: The Neinda Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Route One has suddenly found out it's Christmas time, his letter reveals. Dear editor:

I saw a man carrying a turkey the other day and I stopped him and said, "Well, getting ready for Thanksgiving, eh?" and he said, "Thanksgiving? Thanksgiving was last month. This is for Christmas."

It can't be, I thought, too early for Christmas, hasn't been long since the last one, but I came on home and tore off August, September, October and November from my calendar — by doing this job every four months instead of every month you cut your work by a third; some people don't know what automation is, why take twelve times to do what you can do in three? — and checked the date against the date on a newspaper I found in my favorite ditch out here and sure enough, Christmas is right upon us.

Since I saw I couldn't do anything about it I picked up that newspaper and right off ran into an article saying

Christmas has become too commercialized, all this gift buying has gotten out of hand, we ought to return to the old-fashioned type Christmas.

Then I got to thinking. Gift-giving at Christmas time has a fairly respectable history, if you go back to the original presents of myrrh and frankincense.

When people talk about going back to the old-fashion type Christmas, they mean the Christmas of 50 to 75 years ago, but you're giving a boy a string of popcorn and a roasted apple instead of a bicycile and see how far you get. Try riding over the hill

to grandpaw's farm in a sleigh and you'll tie up traffic for miles back of you. Try singing carols outside somebody's house and you'll find he's getting a better quality of singing on his record player or T.V.

Times change, but I have a notion that underneath all the frenzied shopping and gift-wrapping the spirit of Christmas generally comes through still intact.

If you haven't figured out yet what to get me, you still have time. The Hamlin stores are still open.

Yours faithfully,

J. A.

DPS Predicts 55 to Die In Texas Over Christmas Holiday Weekend

AUSTIN — Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said today that DPS Statistical Services has estimated 55 persons may die in traffic mishaps over the Christmas weekend.

Garrison said that the combined efforts of state and local police agencies and private traffic safety support organizations will be directed toward keeping the traffic toll below the estimate.

"Operations Deathwatch will be in effect from 6 p.m. Friday, December 22 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 25," said Garrison. "During this period we will make every effort to inform each motorist of the need for attention to safe driving. For the first time in many years the uniformed services of the Department are at almost full strength, and every highway patrolman will be on duty as much as possible. In addition, we will have about 250 men from other uniformed services of the DPS who will supplement the highway patrol force doing patrol duty."

Traffic deaths will be tabulated and the totals announced three times daily to the news media from DPS headquarters in Austin.

It has also been estimated that 45 persons will be killed in traffic accidents over the New Year's weekend. The "Deathwatch" will resume at 6 p.m. Friday, December 29 and continue through 11:59 p.m. Monday, January 1, 1968.

Last year 50 persons lost their lives in traffic over the Christmas weekend, and 39 were killed over New Year's weekend.

Cooperating with the DPS in its efforts to hold down traffic mishaps are the Texas Safety Association, the Texas Highway Department, the Texas Motor Transportation Association, the Texas Railroad Association and the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

"Traffic deaths are terrible tragedies at any time of the year," Garrison said, "and they are made even more terrible by the fact that they don't have to happen ... at Christmas or any other time. We can each do a great deal toward cutting down on the number of mishaps by using a little common sense in our driving and showing a little courtesy."

"We issue each driver a personal challenge at this special time of year. This Christmas let's all go out of our way to show a little consideration for our fellow man, both on and off the road. We can prove in a short while that traffic tragedies can be

eliminated," Garrison said.

The Hamlin Jaycees will be glad to answer any questions that anyone might have pertaining to this action.

Cotton Farmers Urged to Start Planning Now for Next Season

STAMFORD — Farmers in the 32 West Texas counties comprising the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., along with producers throughout the Cotton Belt, will soon wind up the 1967 harvest with one of the shortest crops in many years.

Total U.S. production of cotton for 1967 has been estimated at 7,618,000 bales by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, according to Charles Bragg, executive vice president of RPCG.

Texas crop has been placed at 2,067,000 bales compared to 2,759,188 bales a year ago. The current U.S. crop compares with 9,575,000 bales last year and 14,935,000-bale average for 1961-65, as stated by Mr. Bragg.

"Adverse weather conditions throughout West Texas, as well as the entire South, are largely responsible for the reduced per-acre yields," said Bragg. "Payments offered by the government for idling cotton land is another reason for the short 1967 crop."

Meantime, Bragg urges all cotton producers in the Rolling Plains counties to begin now planning for their 1968 cot-

ton crop. So far this year, the price received by farmers for 1967 crop cotton has averaged 8.5 cents above the average market in 1966 and 4 to 11 cents above the loan.

World consumption for 1967-68 is estimated at 52.5 million bales. Under present programs and world outlook, estimated production for 1967-68 is 47.3 million bales, 5.2 million less than estimated consumption.

"It is conceivable that average price paid for cotton in 1968 could reach record highs," Bragg said.

Benjamin Franklin defined man as "a tool-making animal."

— By J. B. Cooper, Jr.

Rancher and President, Neuman Smith, Runnels County farmer and vice president of the Southern Region of RPCG.

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SHURFINE — 303

Cr. Corn 5^{FOR}_{\$1}

SHURFINE — 303 WHOLE

Irish Potatoes 2^{FOR}_{25c}

SHURFINE — 300

PUMPKIN 2^{FOR}_{21c}

GEISHA — NO. 2

Sliced Pineapple 2^{FOR}_{49c}

GEISHA

Mandarin Oranges 19c

SHURFINE — 46 OZ.

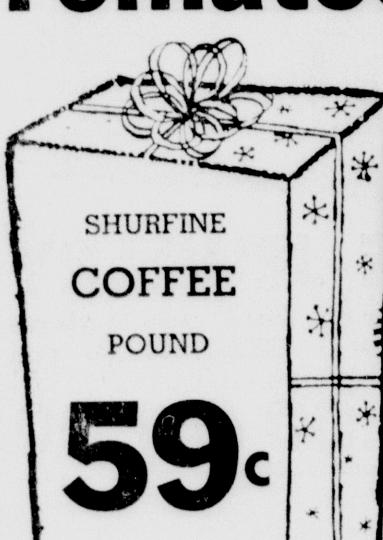
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SHURFINE — 300

CRANBERRY
SAUCE 19c

6 BOT. CTN. KING

Dr. Pepper 39c
PLUS DEPOSIT



SHURFRESH
OLEO

SHURFRESH

Biscuits

SHURFINE

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2^{LBS} 35c

4^{FOR}_{29c}

Each 25c

FOREMOST — 1/2 GAL.

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GANDY'S — 1/2 GAL.

Ice Cream

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23c

LB.

10c

LB.

10c

LB.

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Apple, Pumpkin or
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10 Lbs.

7 FOR \$1

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24 Oz.

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WISH EACH OF YOU A MERRY

CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW

YEAR. THANKING YOU FOR

YOUR PATRONAGE AND HOPE

WE CAN SERVE YOU BETTER

NEXT YEAR.

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New Year's

Day!

GEISHA — 8 OZ.

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REYNOLD'S — 18 IN.

Heavy Duty Foil 49c

ALL BRANDS — 1/2 PINT

39c

Whipping Cream 25c

ALL BRANDS

59c

EGG NOG QT. 49c

PEISER

41c

EGGS

LARGE DOZEN

39c



59c

LB. 15c

10 Oz. 99c

LB. 49c

LB. 43c

LB. 45c



49c

LETTERS TO SANTA

NO. 5

Dear Santa:

I want a set of Suzy Homemaker toys and a Barbie doll. Please bring some oranges and nuts, too.

Merry Christmas!

Deborah Brufford

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a Mighty Mike and a Big Bruiser truck, also a camera. I love you Santa.

Randy

Dear Santa:

I want a B-B gun and some cowboys and Indians. Please.

Merry Christmas.

Kelly

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a ball and some more toys and new crayons for Christmas.

I love you.

Rita Faye Hernandez

Christmas 1967

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa:

I want an Easy bake oven and a cheerful tearful doll for Christmas.

I love you, Santa.

Lafonda Holden

Dear Santa:

I want an easy bake oven, a talking doll, some fruit, shoes and a dress.

I love you, Santa.

Kathy Faye McGee

Dear Santa:

I want an Easybake oven and white cowboy boots and hat for Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Santa.
Tuvonna Kim Newland

Dear Santa

I want a dress and a bicycle for Christmas and a walkie-talkie. Also a Rabbit game.

I love you.

Merry Chriestmas.

HO! HO! HO!

Laura Lee

Dear Santa:

I want a bicycle and a stopper gun for Christmas.

Merry Christmas Santa
Ronald Brown

Dear Santa:

I want a quarter, a nickel, a dollar, and a gun that looks like a 22 rifle.

Thank you,

Chris Lujan

Dear Santa:

I want a Johnny Eagle gun and a Rabbit Hunt Game this year.

Your friend,

Daniel Schneweis

Merry Christmas
Christmas 1967

Dear Santa:

I want a doll that cries real tears and some clothes for Christmas.

Lisa Kellie Stewart

Dear Santa:

I want a bicycle and a pretend 22 rifle. Also a football for Christmas.

Thank you,

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a "Talking Doll" and a "Record Played". I have been a good girl. I am nearly 6 years old. Please bring all the other good little boys and girls something too.

I love you.

Sharon Ulmer

Dear Santa:

I want a walking doll and nuts.

Thank you,

Geneva

Dear Santa:

I am four years old and I

have been a good girl. Please bring me Baby Tubsy, a record player, and some Baby Pee Wees. Don't forget my little sister, she wants something too.

Love,

Melissa Kiser

Dear Santa:

I would like a bike and a wagon for Christmas.

Jessie

Dear Santa:

I hope I get a stove and ice box.

Love,

Valayne

Dear Santa:

I wish for a Little Baby

Splash and a Barbie.

Love,
Rosemary

Dear Santa:

I wish for a racing car.

Love,
Keith

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a bicycle with a banana seat and a football set.

Merry Christmas
Mitchell

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a Suzy Homemaker set. Also a piano would be nice.

Love,
Jodie

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Dear Santa Claus:

I want a road racing set and airplane. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Carl

Dear Santa:

I hope I get a guitar and a Tubsy doll. I like you, Santa.

Your friend,
Tina

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a doll and doll clothes for Christmas.

Love,
Sylvia

"PERSONALLY" WISHING YOU



Here's "trusting" all our bank customers have an "interesting" holiday.

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LILLIE YATES
JUDY HALE
IVA MAE EARLY

TOMMY ROBERTSON
O. H. WEAVER, JR.
KAY HODNETT
GENELLE ASHER
JOANN McKISSACK



Merry Christmas to all!

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Caroling Once Keyed to Dancing, Folk-Songs

Strictly speaking, the word "carol" should be applied to the lyrics written to go with a round of dancing, namely a dance measure. However, as with many words common usage has changed its meaning until now it designates almost exclusively the songs written to celebrate the Christmas festival.

The original meaning of the word "carol" is right in keeping with the first caroling, for it consisted of both dancing and singing. The "crib" of the Saviour, in the traditional setting, was placed in the center of the church at Christmas and the carollers formed a ring to dance around it. Like the tricks performed by the juggler in the famous story, the dancing was offered reverently. Thus, some of the most famous Latin Christmas hymns were written to dance tunes.

The custom of caroling found its way into the Christ-

ian church from pagan rituals. The clergy, although opposed to the practice had to accept it and so contented themselves with limiting its practice.

The struggle between the clergy and the church-goers went on for years. Even as late as 1209, it was necessary for the council of Avignon to forbid theatrical dances and secular songs in churches. Little by little the religious dances were done away with. Those which survived the longest were the dances performed on Shrove Tuesday.

From the beginning, the Christmas festival, which coincided with the Latin and followed the Teutonic feasts of the winter solstice, lent itself to gaiety.

There are numerous carols still in existence dating back to the 15th century which have many characteristic features of the folksong.

The earliest collection of carols printed made its ap-

pearance in England in 1521, issued by Wynkyn de Worde.

It includes the famous Boar's Head carol, which in a slightly altered form is sung at Queen's College, Oxford, England, on the bringing in of the boar's head.

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Tradition Foods Foods Hail The Season

As with so many things at the holiday season, certain foods have become traditional to Christmas. It is interesting to note the wide variation in the choice of foods from one country to another for this special occasion.

In east-central European countries (Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia) carp is the staple around which the Christmas Eve meal is planned and goose is the delicacy served on Christmas Day.

England's Christmas fixings include plum pudding, mince pie, (also called shred pie), and frumentry, a kind of porridge of hulled wheat with sweetmeats. The main meat courses may be beef, brawn, fowl, turkey or if one wants to make a big display and act "lord of manor," boar's head and peacock in a pie.

Bob Cratchit had goose for his poor-man's Christmas dinner and during his time it seems to have been the main dish of most Englishmen . . . However through the years it has been displaced by turkey, for no apparent reason.

The change seems to have started quite a while back, for Washington Irving, writing about 1817, tells of turkeys on the Christmas sideboard at Bracebridge hall. Somewhat earlier, in 1796, it is recorded that an anonymous traveler could not get transportation from Norwich to London because the regular stagecoach was loaded down with Christmas turkeys.

In France, it was the custom to attend midnight mass, then go home to a simple meal of which the main dish was blood sausage. This strict ceremonial has become transformed, in the city of Paris at least, into the Reveillon, a gorging of rich foods, such as caviar and gooseliver paste and washing them down with heady wines.

Choice of Yule Tree Differs In East, West

The evergreen is the traditional tree of Christmas, but did you know the type of evergreen preferred differs greatly from one part of the country to the other?

In New England and the Northeast the favorite trees are the balsam fir and the white spruce. In Pennsylvania there are three preferred over others: Scotch pine, spruce and red pine.

East Coast southerners like red cedar and the scarce but beautiful holly tree, as well as red pine.

In the West it's cedars and Arizona cypress and on the

West Coast it's Douglas fir, blue spruce and Engelman spruce.

Word 'Xmas' Has Religious Origin, Reverent Meaning

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs.



Our many thanks to you all!

May peace be with you!

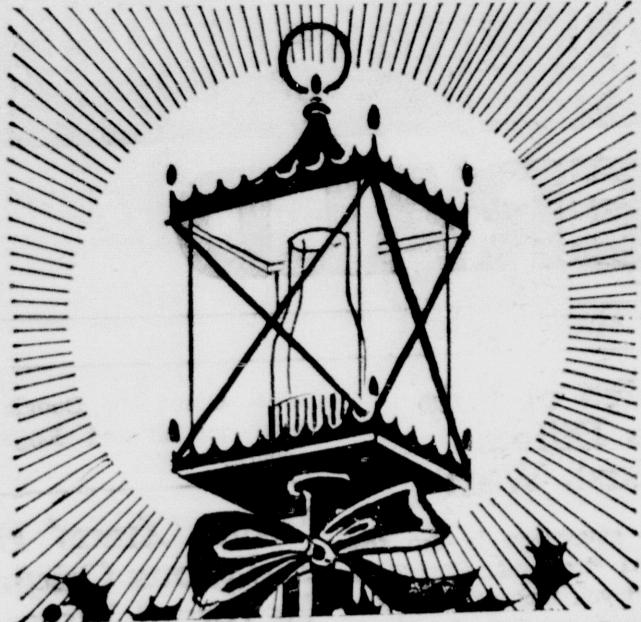
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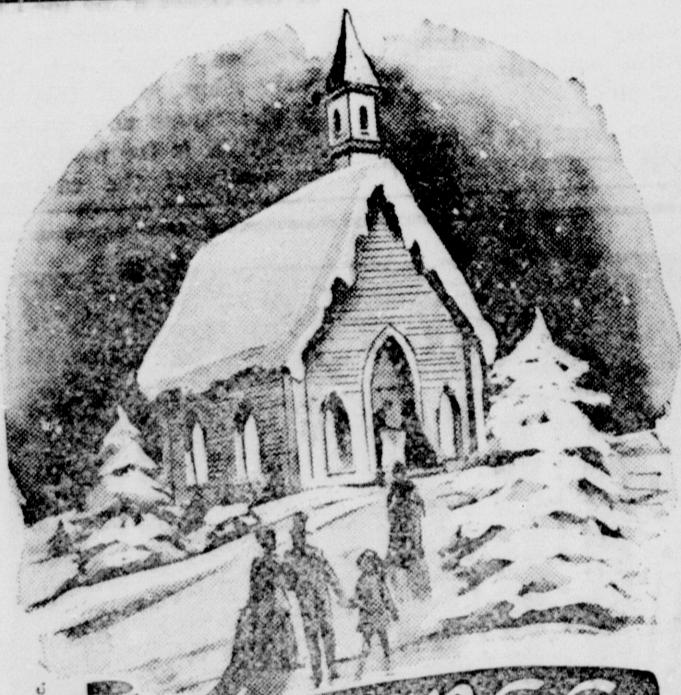


May they glow with lots of good
cheer and good times!

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GREETINGS
from all of us to all of you!

TOM PRITCHARD & SONS



**It's always a pleasure
to say hello to all our friends at
Christmas and wish them the best
of everything!**

RAY HULING GULF STATION

12 SOUTH CENTRAL

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Christmas Is A Lot of Little Things

Christmas is the time of year when nostalgic feelings swell up in most of us and we find our hearts turning homeward.

The sight of a Christmas wreath on a cottage door conveying a message of welcome or the beauty and warmth of blinking lights on a Christmas tree shining through a livingroom window stir up feelings of love and companionship.

We begin to reminisce and our memories wander down through the years to many Christmas celebrations of the past and we find ourselves singling out those which have special significance for us.

Almost everyone can remember a Christmas when they received a toy that was so magnificent you thought you were dreaming and would wake up any minute. Then when you finally were convinced that it really was yours, you were certain that if Santa Claus felt you deserved such a priceless possession you must be dearly loved.

Or perhaps your thoughts meander through memory lane to a Noel when your favorite bachelor uncle paid the family an expected visit and arrived laden with all sorts of unusual and exciting presents. Once again feelings of being loved swell up in you. For Christmas is love, love shown in a hundred little ways.

Christmas is the love of a mother for her family and those dear to her. It's her opportunity to convey this message, the warm and friendly place she makes her home at Christmas. Visible signs: The tempting cookies and pies she prepares with loving care . . . the luscious ham or turkey roasting in the oven. All these many little things are Christmas.

Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Secret agent set.
Hi!
Marvin

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a Baby First Step doll with long hair. She walks and she talks and has long hair.
Love,
Linda

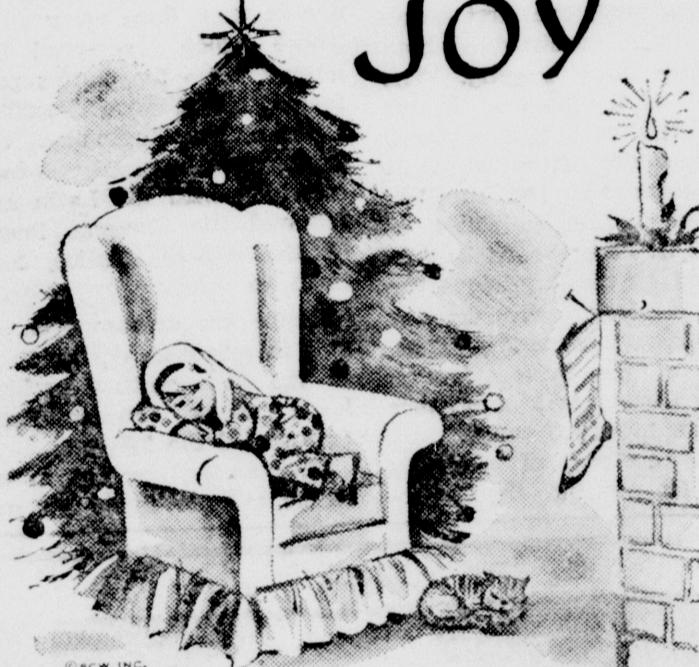
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football suit and helmet.
Merry Christmas!
Joe

Dear Santa:
Please bring me some guns and a racing set. My sister wants a doll that walgs by herself.
Thank you,
Ronnie Reusch



A treeful of good wishes for all!
Carl Young, Trucking Contractor
LIVESTOCK HAULING

CHRISTMAS JOY



Hope your dreams come true!

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A. L. Gamble, Owner



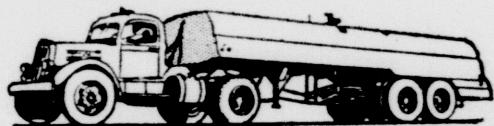
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Christmas season!**

CARTER'S VARIETY STORE



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

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the Infant Jesus
will bless you
and yours at
Christmastime
and always.



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Christmas
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all our good
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Season's Greetings



IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE SERVING YOU
... WE HOPE TO SERVE YOU AGAIN!

JESS AND NAOMI YOUNG

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:

Bring me a doll, some dishes and a table. I have a hoola hoop.

I love you. Thank.
Darla Renee Pyron

Dear Santa:

Please brng me a football suit and football a gun an G I Joe.

Thank you,
Odis Willis

Dear Santa:

Please bring a doll and clothes for it. I would like a Hoola Hoop because Mother can't buy me one.

Thank you,
Teresa Gallagher

Dear Santa:

I want a doll, a Hoola Hoop and, that is all.

Thank you,
Elisa Jo Hooper

Dear Santa:

I want a bicycle I am big I can ride it. Bring me a gun

and a football. I want two cars and some cowboys and horses.

Thank you,
Abel Silvas

Dear Santa:

I want a walkie talkie dolls, some new clothes and a T. V. Be good to all children.

Thank you,
Sylvia Gibson

Dear Santa:

Would you bring me a doll, doll bed, dishes and cook stove?

I would like any thing else you want to bring.

Love,
May Ruth Brown

Dear Santa:

I would like a B. B. gun and a cattle truck. Brng me some fruit candy and nuts.

Thank you,
David Hertel

Dear Santa:

Bring a big doll. Any kind

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of goodies would be good. I want a bicycle too.

Thank you,
Rosey Chavez

Will you please bring me two guns, some soldiers, fire works, jeeps, cars and candy and fruit? I need a cowboy suit too.

Ronny Green

Dear Santa:
I want some fire works candy, fruit and a bow and arrow, boxing gloves and a little bicycle with training wheels.

Thank you,
Russell Laird

Dear Santa:
I wish you would bring me a B. B. gun, a machine and a dump truck.

Thank you,
Charles Butler

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a train.

Thank you,
Danny



May this message convey
to you our best wishes for
a Christmas that will long be
remembered by you and yours.

HOWARD DRUG CO.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll for Christmas, Santa I like you because you are very nice.

With love,

Ida Lane

Dear Santa Claus:

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I want a projector and a bicycle. Hope you have a good trip.

Thank you,
Claud

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll for Christmas. I think it is fun to play with a doll. And I like to play with dolls.

Your friend,
Mary Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a bicycle with training wheels. My brother wants a tricycle for Christmas.

Thank you,
Lex and Todd

Dear Santa Claus:

Merry Christmas! I want a Suzy Homemaker stove and real food to cook. I want a doll with black eye brows.

Aretta

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a doll, some dishes and a table and chairs. I want a Hoola Hoop, some fruit and candy too.

Love,
Elisa Jo Hooper



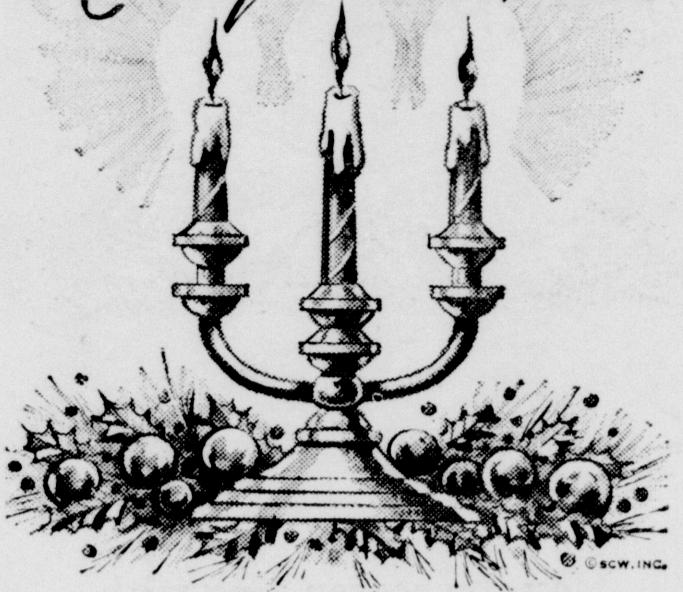
We wish you a Christmas in
the friendly spirit of an old-
fashioned Yule! Greetings from

HAMLIN AUTO PARTS

129 South Central

SP 4-1673

Merry Christmas



Joyous Yuletide greetings!

OLIVER OIL CO.

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Doubly hearty good wishes
for happy holidays to everyone!

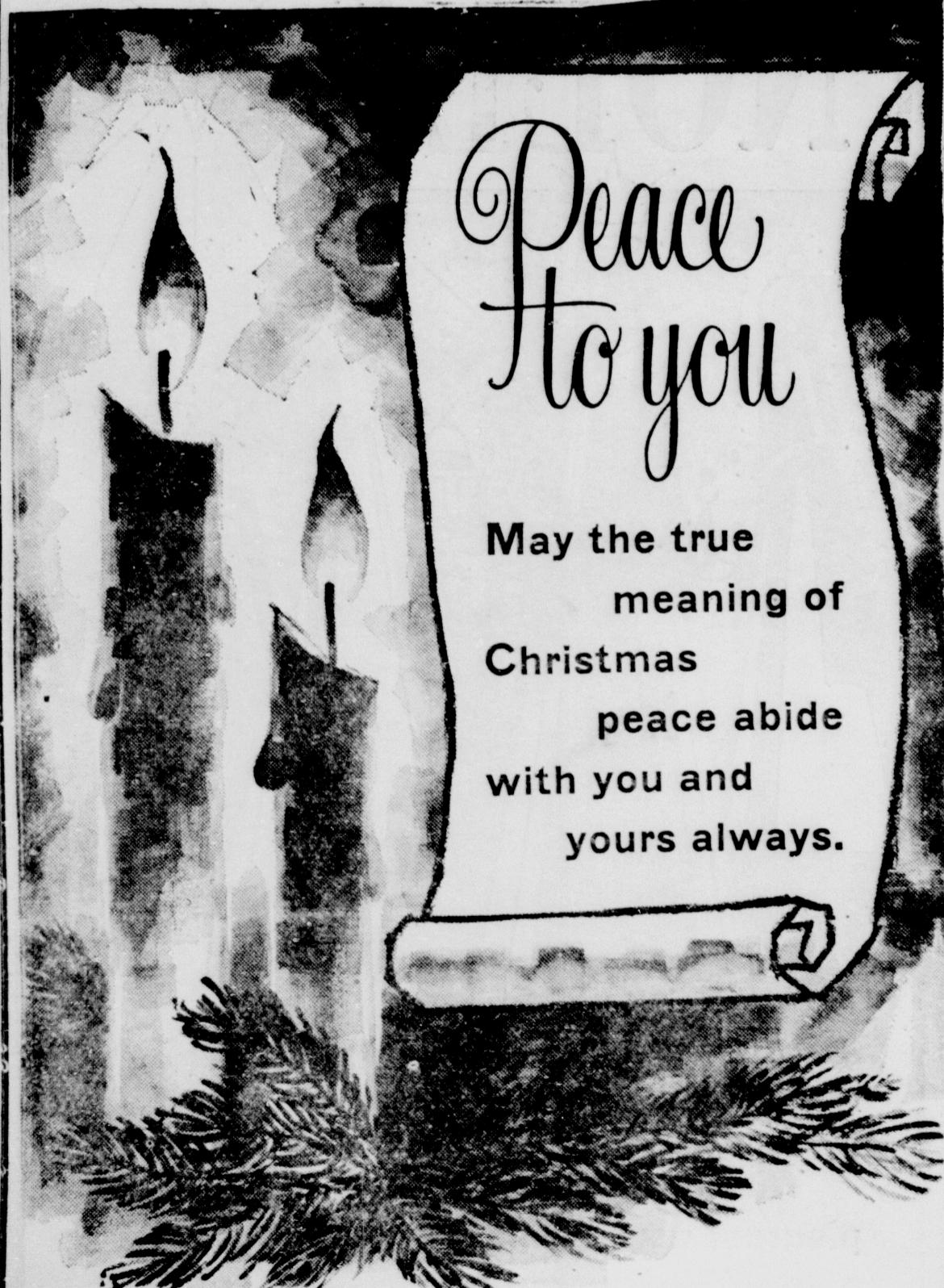
Western Auto Associate Store

MR. AND MRS. TED SEAY



"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."

Dr. and Mrs. James E. Harrison
MARILYN, CAROLYN AND LYNDA



ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

LUMBERMEN

HAMLIN, TEXAS

Peace on Earth

Christmas Legends, Customs

XMAS LEGENDS, Customs

To make sure that their crops grew, Polish peasants used to drive harmful spirits away during the 12 days between Christmas and Epiphany. They burned pine resin all night to rout witches from their homes, and on Christmas eve, they wrapped cloth around the base of trees to keep spirits out, and fired shot into fields to prevent supernatural beings from harming the land.

"Christmas" can mean a sparkling article of clothing or jewelry. In World War II, fliers used the word to describe a shower of metallic foil dropped by an airplane to jam enemy radar systems. And a "Christmas tree" in the slang of drillers means the derrick of an oil or gas well.

Called Noel by the French, Navidad by the Spanish, Natale by the Italians and Weihnachten by the Germans, Christmas in our part of the world is derived from the old English term Cristes maesse (Christ's Mass), a term first used in the 11th century.

The large part children play in Christmas is legendary. If he was lucky, the 16th century child got a ride on a huge Yule log when it was dragged into the manor house or castle. While caroling and feasting went on during Christmas eve, the youngsters played Snapdragon, a game in which the players tried to snach a raisin from a bowl of burning spices and spirits.

Another story credits me-

Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a swimming pool and a peanut butter maker.

Love,
Wendell Roberts

Dear Santa:

Please bring me an easy bake oven and a Playdough fun factor. Remember all good boys and girls.

Thank you,
Suzanne Jones

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a B. B. gun, a bike and that is all.

Rickey Dockins

dieval German drama with the origin of lighting a Christmas tree. In their plays, the

Germans used decked-out fir trees as the "tree of Paradise," representing the Garden

of Eden. When authorities discouraged public displays of this sort, the tree was used

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in the home.



Merry Christmas

Our heartiest greetings to you and yours!

DR. AND MRS. E. J. HAWKINS

Lou Ann, Jimmy and Sharon



TIM JONES, PHOTOGRAPHY



We're sending you a bouquet
of good wishes and cheer for the holiday season.
May your Christmas be bright.

T and O FLOWERS

Lou and Ben Turner

Grace and Burt Oliver



May your Christmas be bountiful,
served with all of our blessings.

BLUE BONNETT CAFE

GRACIE MABERRY

We Have Enjoyed Serving You And We Are Looking Forward To Serving You In Our New Location Soon.

Celebration Reflects Man's Undying Hopes

The oldest of beliefs on which our modern Christmas is based, it that the Christ child came into the world to give men the hope of redemption. It is a hope which seems to be timeless. It was so at the time Jesus came and is just as needful in this day and age.

Mighty Rome was supreme at the time and an era of peace had begun but no one could be certain it would last. Wars of increasing ferocity had prevailed for over 200 years. Wearied humanity longed for the slaughter to cease and the slaves needed the knowledge that there would be a compensation for their misery.

Now, the coming of a Redeemer was anticipated. It had been foretold centuries before by the prophet Isaiah: "For unto us a child is given." The belief was not exclusive to the Hebrews. The Romans held a belief that a "new child" was expected to bring back the age of gold, when people existed in a state of primitive innocence. And the need was manifest in other religions.

Christianity spread from the Mediterranean to northern Europe where it became inculcated with many new beliefs and observances. Some heathen tree-cult no doubt is the basis for the custom of mistletoe, the yule log and the Christmas tree, all symbolic in some way with man's hope.

Martin Luther is given credit for popularizing the use of the Christmas tree in Europe but it is believed he borrowed it from some rite of the dim Germanic past.

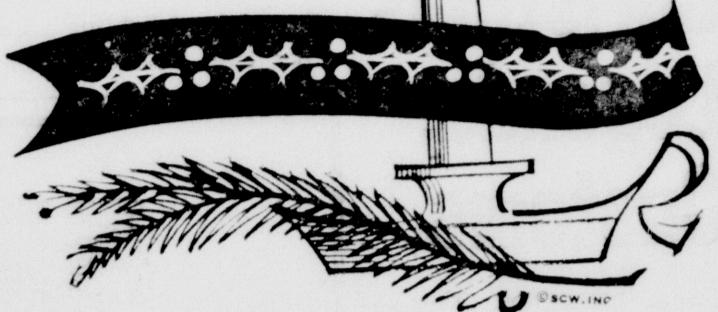
The Christmas tree may have been introduced in America by Hessian soldiers during the American Revolutionary War. It is said, these mercenaries, homesick for their native Black Forest, cut down the local trees and brought them inside the tents and trimmed them with whatever crude ornaments were available . . . modest yet bright symbols of a hope to return to their homeland.

Candles . . . symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World, play a very important part in Irish Christmas tradition. On Christmas Eve the mother or father of the house lights a candle and the whole family prays for their loved ones, living and dead. In some parts of Ireland, no one is allowed to snuff out the Christmas candle except those with the name Mary.

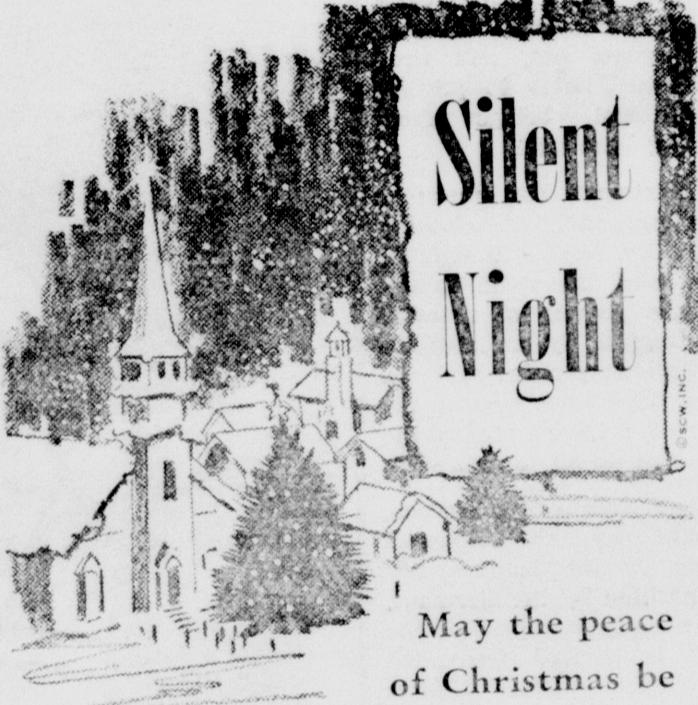
The earliest known Christmas hymn is Jesus Refusit Ominus (Jesus, Light of All the Nations), written by Saint Hilary of Poitiers in the 4th century. However, the first Christmas carol with the traditionally lighter tone was born in Italy among the early Franciscan monks.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Merry
Christmas
to you
& yours!



KINCAID GAS AND APPLIANCE



Silent
Night

May the peace
of Christmas be
in every heart this season.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rodgers

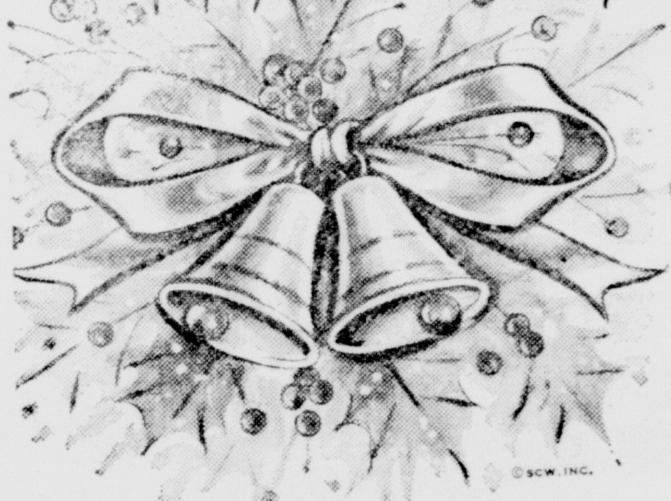
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It's always a pleasure to
greet the many friends we've
known through the years

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Happy Holiday



May the season ring with gaiety & good cheer for all!

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Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a gun, some cars, candy, fruit, a rod bicycle reel. I need a boat too.

Thank you,
Waylon Collins

Dear Santa:

I would like a bicycle, some guns with caps, fruit candy and a train. I need a red horse.

Thank you,
Tommy Allen

Dear Santa:

I would like a B. B. gun, a bicycle and a boat.

Thank you,
Mark Carter

Dear Santa:

I have been a good little girl. But I laugh too much. Here a list I want for Christmas. Doll, dishes, record play-

A Prayer

Let us pray that courage and strength be given to those who work for a world of understanding. May the good innate in every man be quickened, and guide his daily deeds.

May each hour of every day bring us closer to understanding, a victory of man over his own baser nature, into the exaltation of Everyman, Everywhere!

er, phone and some clothes. Remember cake and pie will be waiting for you.

Juanita Kay Titus

Thank you,
Debbie Sheppard

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a gun, a train and fruit and candy.

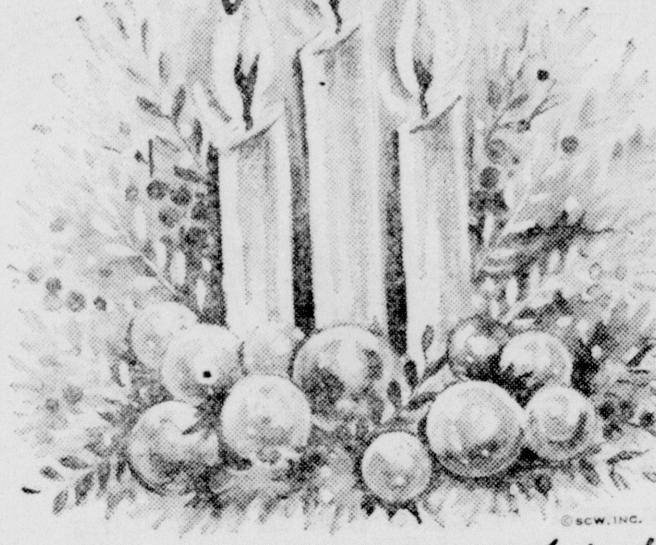
Thank you,
Randall Lewis



May the Star of Bethlehem lead you to the Christ Child as it led the Wise Men long ago.

McCOLLUM - CUNNINGHAM
INSURANCE AGENCY

Merry Christmas



May the season glow with joy!

HOWARD CASH FOOD

GEORGE, CONNIE AND FAYE LAVERNE



With genuine appreciation of our pleasant acquaintance, Happy Holiday!

HEIDENHEIMER'S

Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa:
I want a football suit and
a race track. Also I want a
jeep.

Merry Christmas
Harold Pruitt
Dear Santa Claus:



Peace be with
you during this holy season

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I want a little barbecue
grill and a Skipper doll. Please
bring my little brother a lit-
tle car.
Cindy

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a B. B.
gun, a knife and a bicycle I
am a good boy.
Love,
Danny Bowie

Dear Santa:
I want a walking-talking
doll, a doll bed, and a Rabbit
Game.
I love you, Santa.
Clara Jean Spalding

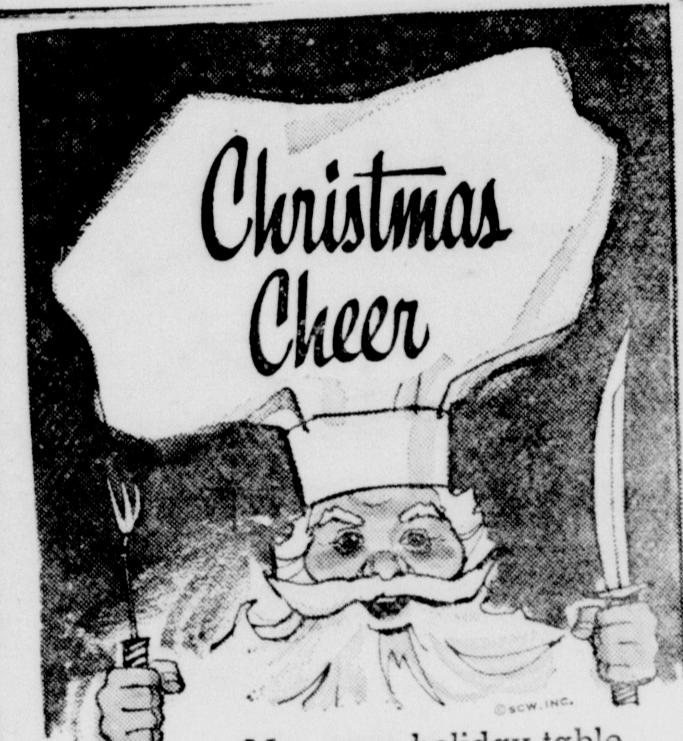
Dear Santa:
Please, bring me a Big
Horne Rifle, a Talking tele-
phone, and a Robot. I have
been good. See you Soon.
Joe Creason

Dear Santa:
1. Incredible Edibles!
2. Pro Trap Drum Set
3. Hands down game.
4. Pro-style football.
5. M-16 Marauder fires.
We will be at my grand-
parents in Coleman, 317 Vale.
Jon Bill Holtz

Amber, a fossil resin, is found
in many colors ranging from
blue to the usual golden amber.



O. H. WEAVER TEXACO



May your holiday table
be laden with all the wonderful
goodies of the Yule season!

THE LITTLE DANDY

MRS. ALENE McCACKEN

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WE WISH YOU AND YOURS A CHRISTMAS
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Here's our prescription
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Christians Celebrate Holiday With Both Joy and Prayer

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

—Luke 2:13-14

In church services this Christmas season, Christians everywhere gather to commemorate the miracle of a holy night nearly 2,000 years ago. The message of Christmas lives anew — in candlelight and carols, in pageants and prayers.

Joyfully, the happiness of Christmas finds expression in music and song. Choirs sing the praises of the Babe of Bethlehem, and sacred hymns and carols reflect the spirit of rejoicing. Even as the herald angels sang to shepherds long ago, so now exultant voices join in proclaiming the Birth of Christ, with "on earth peace, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger." —Luke 2:15-16

Along with the joyous exultation, there is a spirit of thankful humility in celebration of this holy Day. In both church and private devotionals, Christians ponder anew the word of the Christmas story, as it was told by two of His disciples, Matthew and Luke. It is read and re-read, remembered and reflected upon. And it is beheld, symbolically, in Nativity scenes that, by treasured tradition, recreate the manger of His birth.

Prayerfully, each congregation and each individual celebrates Christmas, keeping always in memory that the glory of His coming was first revealed to humble shepherds, and that the Holy Child was born in a simple manger. Worshippers give thanks to God, for the Miracle and its meaning.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." —Matthew 2:11

The Wise Men, says St. Matthew, followed a Star to seek and find the Babe of Bethlehem. Their joy at beholding Him, and their precious gifts in homage, express much of the wonder and majesty of the Christmas story, as it is envisioned today. Yet in those gifts was a prophecy,

Parents should know these major accident causes: Misuse—toys should be used as directed by their maker. Reuse of toys—a toy safe for one child may be dangerous for another. Check toys periodically for any worn or broken parts that could be dangerous.

a poignant reminder of the sacred solemnity, the highest meaning of Christmas.

Gold was a precious treasure, fitting gift for the newborn King. Frankincense, an ingredient of incense, expressed the legendary belief that "incense owns a deity nigh."

The third gift was in sad token of great sorrow to come. Myrrh, used by the ancients in funeral rites, symbolized Christ's own supreme gift of

life and foretold His death upon the Cross.

At the manger, there was the shadow of Calvary.

Thus Christmas is celebrated, joyfully, prayerfully, solemnly, with dedication to its sacred meaning: The Child born in a manger was the Son of God, destined to take up the burdens of mankind and bear them to the Cross, where He died that the spirit of man might live forever.

Open House Fine Holiday Event

The holiday season provides many delightful ways to entertain. An open house is one of the nicest.....it's easy to prepare for ahead of time so the hostess can enjoy it, too!

Christmas would not be Christmas without the traditional wreath, fir, holly, evergreen, cedar leaves, ivy and mistletoe in and around the home.

This holiday season choose an unusual outdoor wreath for your home, or as a gift for someone else.

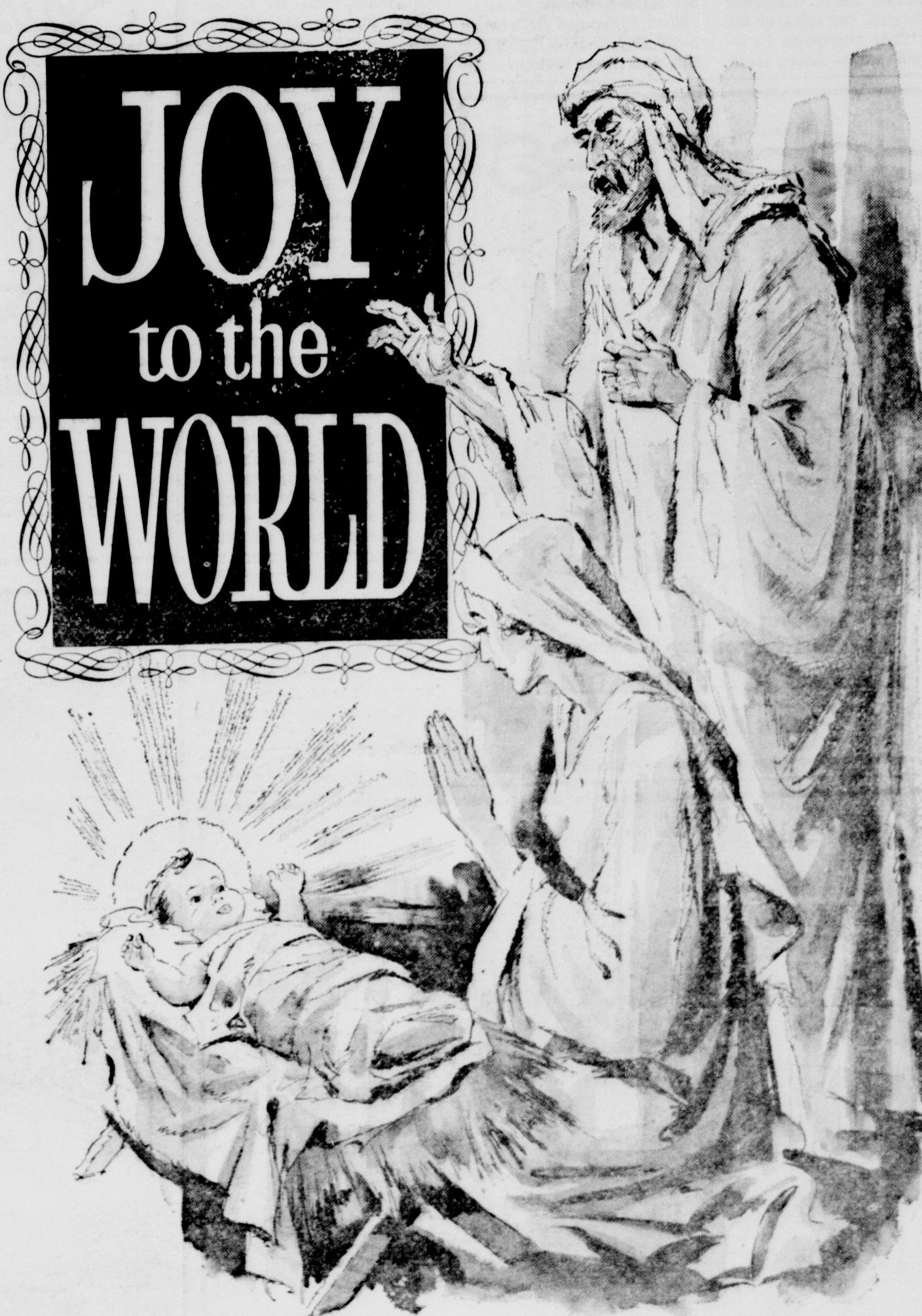
Florists have on hand a

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large supply of ready-made Christmas corsages of holly berries and sparkling, lovely ornaments all ready to give as extra gifts.

For an original topping to your Christmas package, tie tiny pine cones and sprigs of plastic pins to a big red bow. Pine adds an original touch.

It is citrus time in Texas. When buying choose fruits that are heavy for their size. Smooth, thin skinned fruits have the most juice. Avoid fruits with withered, sunken or soft areas.



The Lord is come! Let us go and worship the Babe Who brings His message of peace and love to all nations once again! May He bless you and yours at this holy season!

DR. AND MRS. MARSHALL L. SMITH

Mark, Mike and Gary

Spirit of Christmas Spreads Good Will and Good Cheer

In churches and homes, in city streets and stores, across the countryside — the spirit of Christmas spreads its joy and its contentment. Soon now, the last-minute hustle and bustle will give way to the highest moments of holiday celebration. It's time for fun and feasting, a time for light-hearted laughter and heartfelt prayer, a time when friendships are renewed and family ties are strengthened.

Throughout this community, and indeed throughout all the communities where Christmas is celebrated, the spirit of the season finds expression in innumerable ways — among them,

the gladness of gift-giving, the merriment of parties, the happiness of hearth and home and, above all, the solemn hush of midnight, traditionally the symbolic time for heralding the Birth of Christ.

From the holly wreath on the door to the packages under the tree, from the gaily decorated windows of stores to the manger scenes in the churches, the customs of Christmas contribute to the meaning of the Day — just as early Christian leaders meant that holiday customs should.

When Christmas first began to be observed on December 25th, churchmen welcomed the

idea of incorporating ceremonies and traditions from earlier beliefs into the celebration. They thought that people would feel closer to the new religion if former ways and rituals were not abolished, but instead united with the new rites to honor the birth of Christ.

Today, nearly everyone celebrates Christmas because Christmas belongs to everyone.

For the Christian believer, Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of paramount importance, and as a time meant for joy and festivity, too.

For people of many different faiths, Christmas is beloved as a happy holiday, a secular celebration that gives meaningful expression to universal good will and good cheer.

SENDING GREETINGS

Perhaps even more than the giving of gifts, the sending of Christmas greetings symbolizes the seasonal spirit of good will.

The personal exchange of good wishes at holiday time is a custom that's older, probably, than Christmas itself. In ancient winter festivals the renewal of the earth at the coming of spring was linked with the renewal of friendships.

Though greetings and Christmas have long been associated, the printed greeting card is a relative newcomer to the Yule scene — introduced little more than a century ago. Nowadays, Christmas greeting cards go out by the billions, carrying their messages of "happy holiday" and "best wishes."

In the glad tradition of sending greetings, today's edition of this newspaper presents the greetings of local merchants, as they express their good wishes and gratitude to

customers and friends.

BURNING THE LOG

From a miraculous Star to a tiny candle, gleaming lights have cast a glow over holiday festivities for centuries.

Pagan sun-worshippers lit candles and kindled fires at winter festivals to help the returning sun gain strength.

Traditional for both light and warmth is the blazing Yule log. Like all "Christmas lights," it has both a religious and a festive significance in holiday lore.

Because legend says that the

Christ Child was washed and dressed beside an ash wood fire, the people of early England always had Yule logs of ash wood. Ash had a practical aspect, too, because it was the only green wood which would burn.

The Yule log of England and continental Europe was often believed to have mystical powers to protect the home. To give this protection, the Yule log had to be kept burning all through the 12 days of Christmas.



We're never too busy to wish our friends a very merry Christmas!

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Yuletide season to

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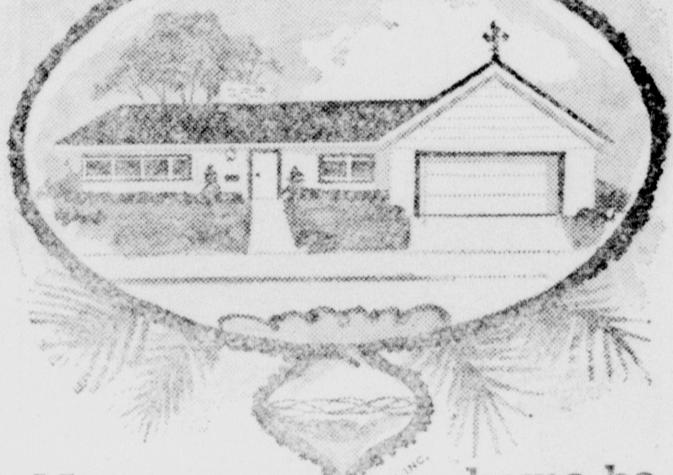
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Yule Greens and Plants Set Scene for Happy Holiday

From the welcoming wreath on the door to the Christmas tree glowing with lights and bedecked with packages, from the cherry poinsettia plant on the mantel or table to the sprig of mistletoe with its promises of kisses and laughter, greens and plants set the holiday enjoyment.

Many of the greens now used for Christmas decorations once adorned pagan rites, and were credited by the ancients with certain mystical powers and virtues.

Today, using greens has become holiday custom, regardless of religious or symbolic significance.

ABOUT TREES

Perhaps the most common use of holiday greens is seen in the lively, decorated Christmas tree found in many at this time of year.

There are many legends concerning the origin of Christmas trees. One belief is that the first Christmas tree was

a palm tree brought from Egypt. The 12 parts of the palm were supposed to represent the 12 apostles, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

The use of pine and cedar Yule trees is generally thought to be of German derivation. The introduction of the evergreen Christmas tree came to English-speaking peoples after the marriage of Victoria of England to the German prince, Albert.

MISTLETOE MAGIC

Ancient followers of the Druid religion were the first to regard mistletoe as a sacred plant, say the editors of The New Book of Knowledge. They supposed it to have panacean virtues in warding off everything from witches to disease.

Each year, about the time Christmas is celebrated today, there was a ceremonial rite in which Druid priests, using a golden sickle, cut the mis-

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tletoe leaves from the "sacred oak" and distributed them amongst the people.

The Saxons also valued this plant; they were the first to call it mistletoe. To them, mistletoe symbolized everlasting peace.

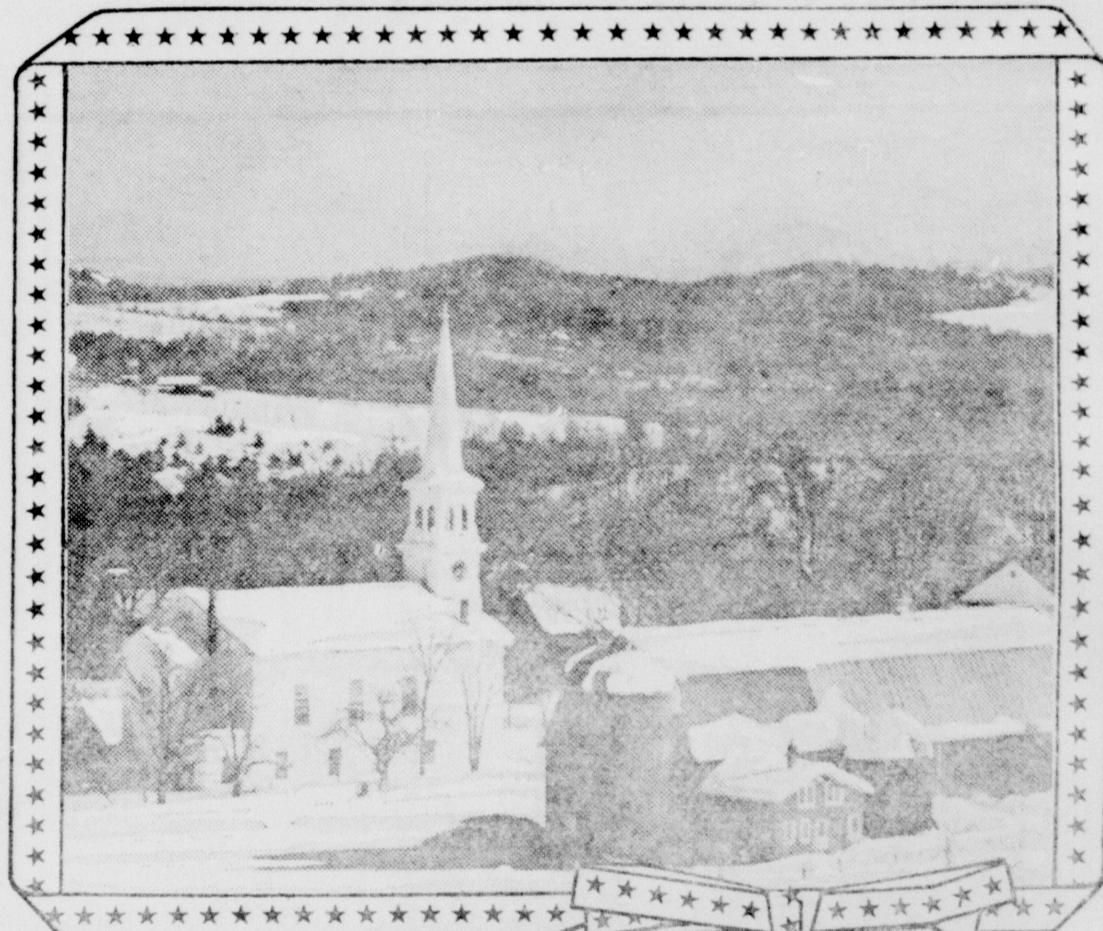
HOLLY IN LEGEND

In the legend and lore of Christmas, holly has both a merry and melancholy significance.

Fairies, so it is said, loved the holly. They found its leaves such a comforting shelter that even after holly was cut from the trees, they lingered about, allowing themselves to be carried indoors, where they protected the home from evil spirits.

Later, Christian believers saw the thorny leaves and the bright red berries of the holly as symbols of the Crown of Thorns and the sacrifice which the Christ Child, grown to manhood, made on Calvary.

In legend, the laurel and the bay have told the story of victory and triumph since the days of ancient Greece.



Season's Greetings

AT CHRISTMAS. LET

THERE BE PEACE IN EVERY HEART

AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF

THE HOLY INFANT...AND MAY

THAT PEACE REMAIN WITH US EVER AFTER.

HAMLIN FARMER'S COOP GIN

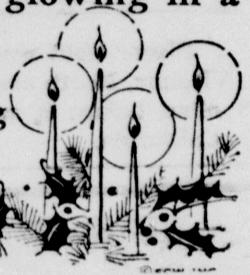
WATTS FLETCHER, Manager



Christmas is...

the air of excitement

everywhere, the happy, pushing
holiday crowds—the sharp
fragrance of pine, the winking
glint of tinsel. Christmas
is the pulsing of the human
heart, quickened again with
hope, it is the warm handclasp of
friends, dancing anticipation in
in the eyes of a child opening a
present. It is a candle glowing in a
window, welcoming
a stranger—welcoming
the Christ!



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Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, a telephone, Barbie clothes and a game. I have been good sometimes. I want a kite too. I love you a lot.

Sherri Pritchard

Dear Santa:

My name is Timothy Cloyce Hawkins. I live at 437 N. W. Avenue I, Hamlin, Texas.

Please bring me a spyder bicycle for Christmas. I would also like some other toys.

Thank you,
Timmy

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me I Spy Guns, and suit case.

I love you,
Eddie Ribera

Dear Santa Clause,

I would like a hula-hoop, doll, dishes and lots of candy. I have been a good girl.

Brenda Holden

Dear Santa:

I want a truck, a wagon, a bicycle, a toy house with a bath, some horses and cows.

Thank you,
Billy Melton

Christmas Joys



At this holy season, may
we take the opportunity to
wish you every blessing!

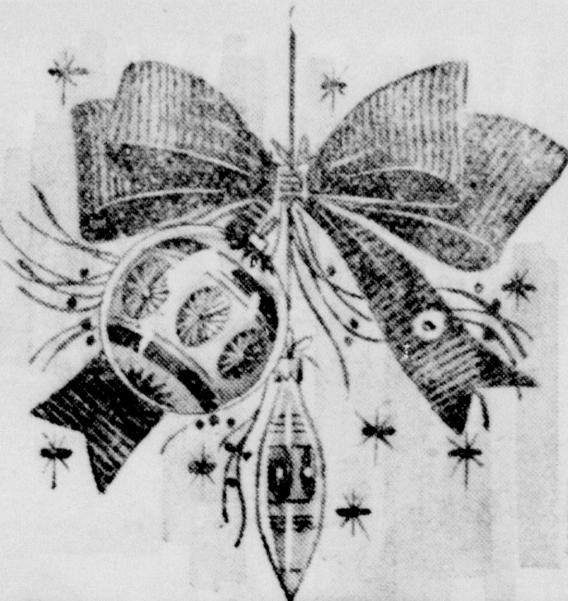


Merry Christmas



from the folks down at

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GREETINGS

TO OUR WONDERFUL PATRONS!
JORDAN'S DAIRY CREAM

MR. AND MRS. ROY JORDAN

Here's hoping your holidays
are stacked with everything that's
good for you and your family.

JNO. V. HOWARD FOOD MKT.

Origin of Christmas Creche

For years men have tried to find the answer to that oft-asked question, "Whence came the first manger scene?" Who was it who first gently laid the symbol of the Christ Child in a tiny rustic crib and tenderly placed Mary and Joseph on either side peering down at Him lovingly? Was it a shepherd who carved the little wooden figures while he tended his sheep or was it a devoted peasant who wanted to portray the story of the birth of Christ more realistically and vividly to his young children.

The closest link to the idea of the creche is to be found in a fifth-century stone frieze on the walls of the catacombs under Rome. Also, there are small individual figures of a shepherd and of Mary that date back to very early Christian art. Possibly these are all that remain from part of a creche.

Other than these, there is no evidence of a complete nativity scene which dates any earlier than medieval times.

There is far more certainty that the first representation of the nativity scene can be connected to the medieval miracle plays which were performed in the churches. Every detail of the Bible story was enacted, and in time it was expanded by various embellishments.

Then, secular scenes and lines were added and the plays finally became so crude, the church decreed they be given outside its edifices.

Francis of Assisi, observing how these dramatizations had become more worldly than religious, felt the need to reinforce the simple and sincere observances of Christianity to the people. So, in 1224, he asked permission of the Pope to set up a manger scene in the town of Greccio, Italy.

Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa:

Bring me a bicycle, a rifle and holster, and anything you want to.

Thank you,
David Seay

Dear Santa:

I would be so happy to get some toys, a walking doll, some dishes and a doll bed.

Love,
Tracy Blanton

Dear Santa:

Bring me a kitchen, and a Mary Poppins doll. I want some candy, fruit and nuts.

Thank you,
Karla Skiles

Dear Santa:

Please bring to me a little pickup a cow and some little horses to ride in it. I want some ships too. Also some big elephants.

Thank you,
Peter Ruiz

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a B.B.

gun, a car, a rocket and a little train and tractor.

Thank you,
John Barrera

Dear Santa:

Bring me two guineas and a red wagon. I want a bicycle and fruit and nuts and a machine gun.

That is all.
Gabriel Hernandez

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bike and a motor. Fruits, nuts and candy would be good.

Thank you,
Mark Bush

The average of Nobel prize winners in science is 40 years.

Ireland's Old Yule Customs and St. Patrick

Many legends are told about St. Patrick, who brought the celebration of Christmas to Ireland in the year 493. One of these is the story of the hawthorne bush.

When Patrick was a young missionary in France, on Christmas day he was walking around the countryside alone. Coming to the River Loire, where there was no bridge, he plunged into the icy water and swam across. He spread his cape on the shore to dry and, where the

cape rested, there grew a hawthorne bush which by nature blooms only in summer. When Patrick removed his cloak, to his amazement he saw the bush in full bloom, weighted down with snowy and fragrant blossoms.

Since then, at Christmastime, the bush has always blossomed through other bushes remain bare. Seeking a natural explanation for the phenomena scientists assumed that the roots of the bush were touched by a warm

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underground spring. Investigation showed that this was not the case.

Dear Santa:

I would like a watch, doll, and dishes. I have been a good girl.

Thank you,
Lisa Jordan

Dear Santa:

I am reading a book about you. I want a truck and a gun for me.

With Love,
Frank Lane



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We wish you and yours the
best of Yuletides ever!

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Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa:

For Christmas this year, I would like to get a Barbie doll, and a horn, and a movie projector.

Love,

Debra Anne Brown

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy this year. Will you bring me a B.B. gun, a football, and some games?

Love,

Vance Lakey

Dear Santa:

For Chrstmas I want a walking doll and a teaset of dishes.

Yours truly,

Barbara Sue Johnson

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, and a purse for Chrstmas.

Love,

Doris White

Dear Santa:

I want two Walkie Talkies and a Spider bike, and a red River gun. I have been a good boy.

Thank you, Santa

Terry Bailey

Dear Santa:

I haе been a good boy. I

you to bring me a Fire Truck

King of the hill, Rat Patrol,

I love you,

Britt Cary

Dear Santa:

I want a walking doll, a dollbuggy and doll dishes. I want a bicycle. That is all.

Marta Lopez

Season's Greetings

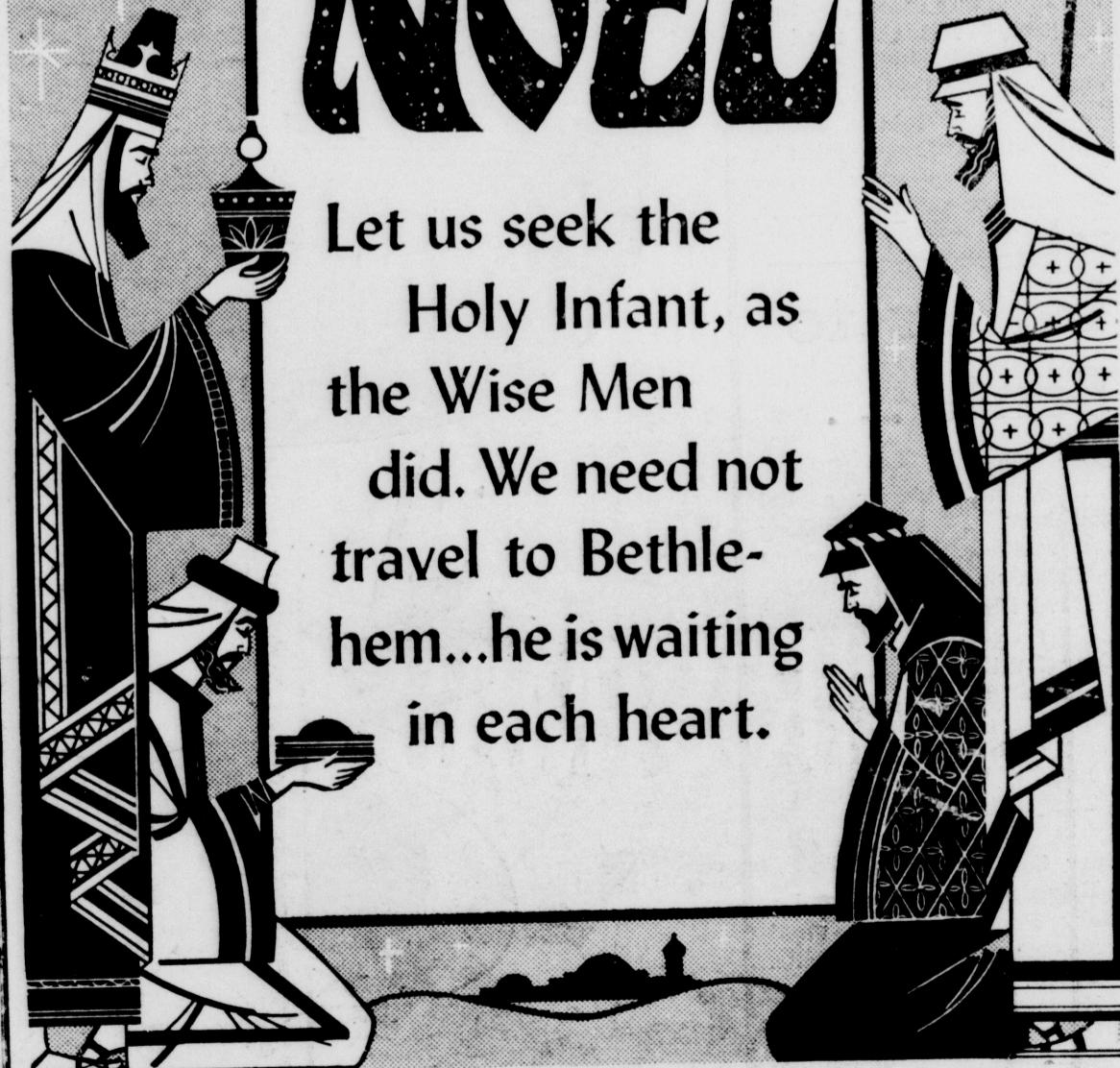


Deck the halls with boughs
of holly! It's time to
wish you a merry Christmas!

JOHNSON'S BUTANE AND REPAIR

NOEL

Let us seek the
Holy Infant, as
the Wise Men
did. We need not
travel to Bethle-
hem...he is waiting
in each heart.



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Merry Christmas

TO EACH AND
EVERY ONE

Whether your
dreams be
big or little,
may they all
come true!



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Here's hoping Santa is
good to you and brings
you your heart's desire!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Greetings to our
good friends & neighbors!

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Letters to Santa ...

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to bring me a football, Truck, and a Combat Set for Christmas.

I love you,
Jackie Don Cork

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy. I want a racing car set and a football suit. If you can not bring the football Suit, please try to bring the racing car set.

Thank you,
Love,
Jim Hughes

Dear Santa Claus:

Bring me a lot of toys for Christmas, especially, a doll, and a stove. Please bring my brothers a football and bring my big brother a radio.

Irma Gonzalez

There are many tender aspects to Christmas and one which is a joy to watch is the delight it brings to the young.

It is amazing to observe how they make special effort to be on their best behavior during the weeks just preceding Christmas. And the enthusiasm with which they make their requests to Santa is unmatched in conscientiousness.

Best of all, their faces take on a merry glow and light up like a candle as they set about opening up their packages on Christmas morning. There is ohing and ahing and screams of delight and laughter that would warm any adult's heart, no matter how jaded.

No one is ever so old, that he can't remember the many times he lay perfectly still in his bed, to avoid making the slightest sound, as he anxiously awaited the magic hour of midnight. Then tiptoeing down the stairs, silently, cautiously, you peeked around the corner to see if old St. Nick had paid his visit.

And, can you recall how, finally, the days and hours of waiting were ended with the happy realization that it was really Christmas morning.

Somehow the world seemed different on that day. The clean smell of freshly cut pine. The gaiety of sparkling ornaments, the bright lights and colorfully wrapped presents greeted your pounding heart as you entered the room.

In the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, the prayer for the last Sunday before Advent began with the words "Stir up." The people of Peterborough took this to be a reminder that they should start their plum pudding at that time, and everybody in the family took a hand in the stirring until it was ready on Christmas.

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